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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please make the following amendments prior to examination.

**In the Specification**

On page 1, after the Title, please insert the following paragraph:

**--Related Applications**

This is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/978,285, which was filed November 5, 1997, and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/035,363, which was filed January 10, 1997 and Swedish Patent Application No. 9604378-1, which was issued November 27, 1996, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference herein.--

On page 1, after the Related Applications, please insert the following section title:

**--Summary of the Invention--**

B2  
On pages 3-4 of the specification, please delete the paragraph beginning at line 21 and replace with:

B3  
--Moreover, assays for free protein S based on immobilized monoclonal antibodies directed to free protein S, which are used as immobilized antibody in standard ELISA (Enzyme